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RESOLUTION OF THE GDR GOVERNMENT ON THE IMPROVEMENT OF MATERIAL PLANNING AND ON THE ORGANIZATION OF MATERIAL SUPPLY (5 pp; German; [] 25X1A

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This 5-page report is a typewritten copy of an excerpt from the minutes of the 55th session of the GDR government on 6 December 1951. It purports to furnish the text of a resolution adopted at that time on the improvement of material planning and on the organization of the material supply situation.

Material supply for the key points of the plan was assured, as demonstrated by the results up December 1951 of the 1951 plan. The State Secretariat for Materials Supply was overburdened with operational tasks of goods distribution and could not concentrate its attention on its key tasks of determining requirements and balancing materials supply and demand. Additional criticism of the materials situation is also included.

Under the above-mentioned government resolution the State Secretariat for Materials Supply was charged with the performance of the following duties:

1. It must concentrate its efforts on material planning, on direction and guidance concerning all basic materials questions, and on systematic control of materials supply. Operational tasks are to be left to the ministries concerned.

2. Its principal tasks (11) are:

- a) Development of economical material use norms
 - b) Exact determination of material requirements
 - c) Setting up a balance sheet for materials supply and demand
 - d) Distribution of the most important raw materials, and semifinished and finished products
 - e) Writing up directives for distribution of goods other than those mentioned above.
 - f) Development of economical use of materials and control of material use and stocks
 - g) Control over compliance with material use standards
 - h) Setting up principles for goods movement and the contract system
 - i) Systematic control over goods movement
 - j) Better exploitation of domestic and local reserves and expanded use of substitute materials
 - k) Setting up and administering reserve stocks
3. It is to set up a special section for developing material use norms.
 4. It is to be relieved of operational tasks by subordinating the DHZ's to the Main Administrations of the ministries concerned.
 5. It is to liquidate the present Administration for State Wholesale Trade and to set up a Main Administration for State Wholesale Trade. This new organization is to deal with DHZ and contract office matters.
 6. It is to draft plans for Kreis offices which are to take care of agricultural requirements.
 7. It is to set up detailed guides for material planning and distribution.
 8. It is to be responsible for solving the basic questions involved in the contract system and for generalized use of this system.
 9. It is to be responsible for accounting of material distribution, material use, and stocks
 10. It is to set up goods delivery plans, based on materials available and on distribution plans.
 11. It is to suggest to the Administration for Soviet Property in Germany how sales are to be organized for Soviet enterprises in Germany. The completed plans are to be submitted to the GDR government.

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